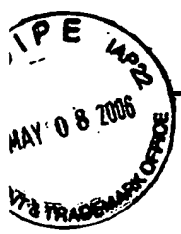


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Further to the Notice of Appeal filed February 21, 2006 (with Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review) and the Pre-Appeal Brief Decision mailed April 24, 2006, Appellants present this Appeal Brief. Appellants respectfully request that this appeal be considered by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

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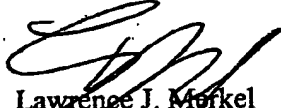
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### VIII. CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-6, 10-11, 13-25, and 27-37 was erroneous, and reversal of the decision is respectfully requested.

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